

THE NYPD IS HERE FOR YOU, IN ALL OF NEW YORK CITY'S ASIAN COMMUNITIES - AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP HATE CRIMES.

Please report all bias incidents/hate crimes to police, whether you are a victim or a witness, so that a vigorous investigation can be conducted and others can be spared the trauma of becoming victims. In accordance with the New York State Penal Law, the New York City Police Department uses the following guideline to identify hate crime and bias incidents: "A bias incident is any offense or unlawful act that is motivated in whole or substantial part by a person's, a group's or a place's identification with a particular race, color, religion, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, ancestry, national origin, or sexual orientation (including gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender) as determined by the commanding officer of the Hate Crime Task Force."

FREEDOM OF SPEECH VS. HATE CRIME.

Freedom of speech is protected by our Constitution. Everyone has the right to express their likes, dislikes and opinions, no matter how offensive these expressions may be to others. Ultimately, offensive or hateful speech is still just speech and is protected. A hate crime is a criminal act that is motivated in whole or substantial part by the perceived identify of the victim.

WHAT IS THE NYPD'S HATE CRIME TASK FORCE?

The Hate Crime Task Force is a dedicated team of detectives responsible for thoroughly investigating all possible bias incidents throughout New York City. Additionally, highly-trained investigators of Asian descent are available 24 hours a day to translate and help with language barriers, and to link you with victims' services.

WHAT ABOUT MY IMMIGRATION STATUS?

The NYPD does NOT conduct civil immigration enforcement. New York City police officers are only concerned with preventing crime and helping victims – all victims – find justice. Officers will not ask about your immigrant status and, if it is offered, will not share it with any other city or federal agency.

HOW DO I REPORT A BIAS INCIDENT/HATE CRIME?

To report an incident, call 911, speak to any NYPD police officer on the street, or go to any NYPD facility. Additionally, to get information about counseling, legal assistance, health care, financial assistance, or to get help filing a police report, all victims of crime can call (646) 610-5267 or E-mail to ASIANHCTF@NYPD.ORG





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